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SUBJECT: BUKOVSKIY INTERVIEW ON VOA

1. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT VOA PLANS TO HAVE VLADIMIR BUKOVSKIY AS THE GUEST ON ITS "PRESS CONFERENCE USA; SHOW ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2. THIS WILL BE THE DAY FOLLOWING HIS WHITE HOUSE MEETINGS. SHOW WILL BE CARRIED ON WORLDWIDE ENGLISH. PRESENT PLANS ARE FOR HIM TO BE INTERVIEWED BRIEFLY IN RUSSIAN AS WELL FOR USE ON RUSSIAN SERVICE GOING OVER SAME GROUND AS HE COVERED IN PRESS CONFERENCE USA.
2. THIS WILL BE BREAKING NEW GROUND FOR VOA WHICH HAS NEVER BEFORE HAD PROMINENT DISSIDENT ON A PROGRAM OF THIS SORT. THEIR GUIDELINES IN THE PAST HAVE BEEN TO COVER PRESS CONFERENCES OPEN TO OTHER MEDIA BUT AVOID MAKING NEWS BY EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEWS.

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3. SINCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESS CONFERENCE HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE, ROOM FOR MANUEVER IS LIMITED. HOWEVER WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON HOW SOVIETS WILL PERCEIVE PLANNED VOA TREATMENT OF BUKOVSKIY.

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